represented the case of their linguistic areas and they did not represent the Madras Government. The Andhra case has gone by default. Even Justice Misra himself has said that, short of taking a plebiscite, it was impossible to decide which way the majority support lay. The people's verdict is final, and the democratic verdict of the people should be taken through a plebiscite. So the Central Government are asked to take a plebiscite. The Madras Government are involved in that they have not expressed their opinion to Justice Misra. So I request the Hon. Speaker to allow this adjournment motion.''

MR. SPEAKER :—'' The Government are not responsible for the fast. So I rule the motion out of order.''

(4) FAMINE CONDITIONS IN PENUKONDA AND KADIRI TALUKS IN ANANTAPUR DISTRICT.

MR. SPEAKER :—'' I have received notice of the following adjournment motion from Sri T. Lakshminarayana Reddi :—

' That the business of the house be adjourned for the consideration of the grave famine conditions in Penukonda and Kadiri taluks (Anantapur district) and the resulting starvation and distress.'

Famine has been existing for a long time and not only to-day; it has been there for the last ten or fifteen years. So I rule the motion out of order.''

(5) FORCIBLE COLLECTION OF KIST IN FAMINE AREAS.

MR. SPEAKER :—'' I have received notice of the following adjournment motion from Sri D. Seetharamiah :—

' This house stands adjourned to consider a matter of urgent public importance, viz.,—

the grave situation arising out of the recent orders of the Government to collect the current kist and kist arrears forcibly from thousands of famine striken peasants for crops that have completely failed in this and previous faslis in the worst famine affected taluks of Chittoor district, i.e., Madanapalli and Vayalpad taluks.'

I rule the motion out of order on the same ground as the previous adjournment motion.''

(6) LATHI CHARGE AND ARREST OF ANDHRA SATYAGRAHIS OF BELLARY.

MR. SPEAKER :—'' Sri G. Latchanna has given notice of the following adjournment motion :—

' Please adjourn the session . . .'

The hon. Member wants the adjournment of the session itself :''

' Please adjourn the session to discuss the special circumstances created by the lathi charges and arrests conducted by the Madras Government against the non-violent and peaceful Andhra satyagrahis of Bellary.'''

SRI G. LATCHANNA :—'' Sir, please allow me to say a few words regarding the adjournment motion.''

(The hon. Member began to speak in Telugu.)

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MR. SPEAER :—" The hon. Member can speak in English."

SRI G. LATCHANNA :—" My difficulty is that I cannot express my ideas fully in English."

MR. SPEAKER :—" My difficulty is that I am not able to follow Telugu speeches."

SRI G. LATCHANNA :—" I will try to speak in English. The word ' session ' was used in the adjournment motion by mistake. I want the adjournment of only the business of the House. So please allow me to amend the adjournment motion by substituting the word ' business ' for the word ' session '.

" The subject-matter of the adjournment motion is of recent occurrence. It is of urgent public importance because the commotion now prevailing not only in Bellary but in the whole of Andhra is due to the violent attitude taken up by the Government against the non-violent and peaceful Andhra satyagrahis. The fasts referred to in the adjournment motion of Sri Vavilala Gopalakrishnaiah were provoked by that attitude. When some innocent students from high schools and colleges were agitating peacefully to draw the attention of the State as well as the Central Government, the State Government employed violent repression against them. This provoked the public and made them ask why the Government were so adamant and vehement in suppressing the legitimate demand of the Andhra public in Bellary. The law and order position in that area was affected adversely because of the attitude and policy of the Madras Government and not because of the peaceful and non-violent agitation carried on by the Andhra satyagrahis.

" The motion is of urgent public importance. The subject-matter of the motion is not only of recent occurrence but is also a continuing thing. So I request the Chair to allow the adjournment motion for discussion."

SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—" Mr. Speaker, Sir, this is a very important matter. I am really surprised that in Bellary the Government adopted the method of lathi-charging the people instead of trying to understand the position and the problem of the people living there. There has been agitation over the border question in quite a number of places. I would like to say that two kinds of repressive methods and policies are adopted in two different places. From all the opinions that have been received by us, we find that the agitation in Bellary has been very peaceful and nothing has been done by the Andhras to provoke the Government to adopt such tactics. I submit that this is a question which has got to be discussed here and the Government should express their view as to what provoked them to adopt the attitude that they have been adopting when the agitators were non-violent and peaceful in their agitation."

• THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Sir, in view of the very expansive scope that has been given to the question, it may be necessary to go a little outside the bare issue for judging

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the urgency and relevancy for an adjournment motion. From the speech of Mr. Nagi Reddi it is clear that some people are of the opinion that the Bellary agitators have not been treated with justice and impartiality. I must clear that point first. If the hon, Member was referring to the agitation in Chittoor district for comparison, let us clearly understand the position. In the case of Chittoor, there has been no award given by any Commission or Judge appointed by the Government of India. I may take the hon. Members into confidence and say that I tried my best to leave Bellary on the same footing as Chittoor. I was so to say overruled, and it was thought necessary for the disposal of the main issue that the Bellary issue should be disposed of. The Government of India appointed a Judge to give an award and an award has been given. The position in respect of which an award has been given is different from the position when the place has not been dealt with by the Government of India by the appointment of a Commission or Judge. This should be remembered in discussing the question of partiality.

"Coming to the next point, I am quite clear on behalf of the Government that any amount of agitation can go on in a normal way—by meetings, discussions and things like that. But picketing of offices and disobedience of orders cannot be permitted by the Government, and that is the only point at issue. In Bellary the agitators were asked to disperse. But when they refused to disperse, they must be prosecuted or dispersed by a mild use of violence.

11-00 a.m. "There is no other way for Government to carry on. The hon. Member should remember that all people responsible for the general political issues being considered have advised the Bellary agitators to stop. I did hope that the agitation would stop, and there would be no need for further agitation. I was very glad that Mr. Latchanna's party who were mainly operating there have asked the important men to go to Delhi. I think the whole trouble will stop very soon. I do not think that anything wrong was done. It is only the day to day administration that has come into the adjournment motion."

Sri T. NAGI REDDI :—"On a point of order, Sir."

Mr. SPEAKER :—"I am not going to allow any further discussion."

Sri G. LATCHANNA :—"Sir, how can the report of Mr. Justice Misra become an award while the report of Mr. Justice Wanchoo is only a recommendation?"

Sri T. NAGI REDDI :—"Certain misconceptions have arisen out of the Chief Minister's speech. They can be cleared if I put a small question to him."

Mr. SPEAKER :—"The hon. Member is going into the merits. Whether Bellary should go to Andhra or not can be taken up when the Andhra State Bill is discussed."

SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—" Sir, it is not a question of going into the merits. But the question is whether there has been a lathi charge, whether the lathi charge has been proper, and whether the lathi charge had any background. The Chief Minister came forward and said that an award had been given, and even after that the agitation had been continuing. He said he requested the agitators and tried to stop the agitation, and yet it continued. That is the point. My contention is that the award was for the whole of the taluk, and the agitation was to appoint a boundary commission to go into the question of the Bellary taluk just as in the case of Chittoor. The question is whether Bellary taluk will be handed over to the boundary commission when the commission is appointed. That was the peaceful agitation, and that is what the agitators asked for. Hence, there is nothing contradictory between the agitators in Chittoor and those in Bellary."

MR. SPEAKER :—" This is not an urgent matter. This comes under matters of day to day administration. So, I rule the motion out of order.

(7) NEW ELEMENTARY EDUCATION SCHEME.

MR. SPEAKER :—" Now come the adjournment motion of Sri P. Rangaswami Reddiar, Sri A. Doraiswami Gounder, Sri A. Govindaswami, Sri P. Ramamurthi, Sri E. L. Raghava Mudaliar, Sri A. Ratnam, and Sri V. R. Nagarajan. The adjournment motion of Sri P. Rangaswami Reddiar reads as follows :—

'That the business of the House be adjourned to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, the recent introduction of modified scheme of work and training of Elementary School pupils in rural areas of this State from this academic year.'

The same thing is repeated in the other adjournment motions given notice of by other Members. I wish to know what the Leader of the House wants to say on this motion."

* THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Sir, I do not at all wish to stand in the way of the discussion as proposed. But I do not think that the present discussion on the Andhra State Bill should be postponed or delayed for that reason. At the end of the discussion on the Andhra State Bill, I have no objection to have a discussion in the usual way on the new elementary education scheme. The Hon. Speaker might fix a time for this discussion."

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" Sir, if we have the assurance that the Government will set apart a day or more . . ."

MR. SPEAKER :—" As far as the Treasury Bench is concerned, even if I admit this motion, they do not object to it. It is not about a separate day for discussion. The motion itself will be admitted. As far as the Chair is concerned, I am going to admit this motion."